

# Weston Town Committee for the Oversight of the Lachat Property

## MINUTES

**November 6, 2012**

**Present: Committee Members:** Ellen McCormick, Judy Saffan, Amy Kalafa, Carol Baldwin, Paul Deysenroth, Nicholas Bell; **Consultants:** Robert Hatch, AIA Architect

**Presided By:** Ellen McCormick,

**Meeting** was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

- A. Architect Robert Hatch ("Bob") presented an update on the planning of the house restoration.
  1. He met with Rack Gleason from the Town Building Department who said that a "Historic" designation of the house would affect the code requirements on the house. [Carol is currently preparing the State Historic Register application for the house].
  2. Bob said that he planned to get on the agenda for the next P&Z meeting [November 19] to discuss parking needs around the Godfrey house, with a use for the house being defined as "educational" and with a planned maximum occupancy of 44 people. Once the parking requirements are determined, the landscape architect, Sylvia Erskine, will make a plan.
  3. Tom Williams was awarded the contract to make repairs to the foundation and basement.
  4. (Action) Ellen will take photos documenting the basement.
  5. (Action) The structural engineer will meet with Bob and Paul and Nick.
  6. The priority currently is to get all work completed as covered by the CT Trust HPTAG grant before the grant deadline of Dec. 8, 2012.
  7. Bob outlined what he would think the sequence for restoration of the house would be: repair of exterior rear portion of house; next the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor work; then the 1<sup>st</sup> floor handicapped bathroom and back kitchen area-int. ; and next the front porch. Paul suggested that we start with the front porch restoration in order to encourage Town enthusiasm/awareness of the project.
- B. *Heating:* The committee discussed heating options including temporary ceramic heaters or a permanent option presented by Amy of Mitsubishi "Mini-Split" heat/AC/dehumidifier units which would be powered by electricity, which could come from future solar panels. These units would have to have compressors outside and would cost approximately \$9,000 for the entire system. There is also gas on the street in front which could be an option.
- C. *Committee vacancy:* The Committee discussed the need to fill the vacancy on the Board, because of Sheila's departure.

- D. *Sub-committees formed (heads named):* Water/Conservation Issues (Nick); Energy/HVAC (Amy); Farming (Amy); Construction (Paul); Landscaping/Fencing/Property Clean-up (Alex G.); Fundraising/Grants/Investor Relations (Carol); Communications/PR/Website/Town relationships (Peter S.); Programming (Judy).

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Tuesday, November 27 AT 7:30 PM in the Library.**

(Minutes submitted by Carol Baldwin.)